

REMARKS:

The allowance of claims 2-4 and 6-22 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 23-27, 31 and 34-39 are herein canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5 and 28 are amended. No new matter is added. It is noted that said amendments are made for purposes of clarity.

Based on the above-noted claim amendments, and as shown in greater detail in the preceding pages of this Response, the currently pending claims are: 2-22, 28-30 and 32.

The undersigned respectfully apologizes for the misinterpretation of the Examiner's previous objection to the specification. In accordance with the Examiner's further objection and request, the specification is amended as indicated on page 2 of this Response. It is believed that this amendment to the specification should address the Examiner's concern.

The Examiner objected to claim 5. Claim 5 is amended as shown on pages 3-4 of this Response in order to address the informality.

Claim 28 is amended as shown on pages 6-7 of this Response for purposes of clarity. The amendments to claim 28 include language similar to that recited in allowable claim 2. It is believed that the clarifying amendments to claim 28 should address any concerns the Examiner might have with respect to this claim. In addition, based on the amendments to claim 28, claim 31 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

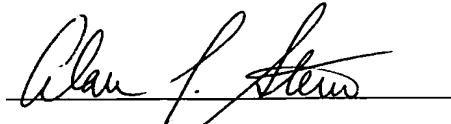
It is noted that the Examiner rejected claims 34-39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It is also noted that the Examiner rejected claims 5, 23-32 and 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. These concerns should be rendered moot in view of the above-noted claim amendments.

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Furthermore, based on the previously-noted amendments, it is believed that this application should be in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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